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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Senator John Stennis

1. John Warner met with Senator John Stennis, pursuant to the Director's request, concerning the Director appearing again before the Stennis Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee on the question of the so-called picture gap. Senator Stennis indicated he thought this was desirable but that he wished to have other military figures including Lowrance this afternoon and possibly Fitch and certainly General Carroll before them. He again left it with his staff to work out arrangements with us for the date.

2. Stennis further indicated he doubted that Senator Russell would want to handle this before the full Committee since investigation of the Cuban matter is now focused in the Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee. Senator Stennis specifically wanted the Director to know that he was not at all in sympathy with reports appearing in the press concerning possible failure by CIA or the responsibility of the Agency for reporting failures.

3. Stennis also brought up the question of an interview with Donovan indicating he had talked with the Director (not clear when) but obviously appreciated that this was not the time. However, he stated he very definitely wanted to do this and wound up saying "Don't forget me on this one."

s/

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